And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's Mightiest Heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born, to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

THE MIGHTY AVENGERS

Recently, S.H.I.E.L.D. Director Nick Fury staged a secret war against the Eastern European nation of Latveria. Though he won the day, he did so at the cost of his friendships with many other superhumans and his job as the top cop of the world.

While living incognito in Mexico, Fury reunited with his long-time lover, S.H.I.E.L.D. Agent Contessa Valentina Allegra De Fontaine, only to discover that she was actually a covert Skrull agent. When Fury finds evidence that a Skrull infiltration has begun, he has no idea who he can trust with this information. First, he goes to his closest agent, Jessica Drew (a.k.a. Spider-Woman), and tells her that he has a plan. Then he seeks out additional allies...

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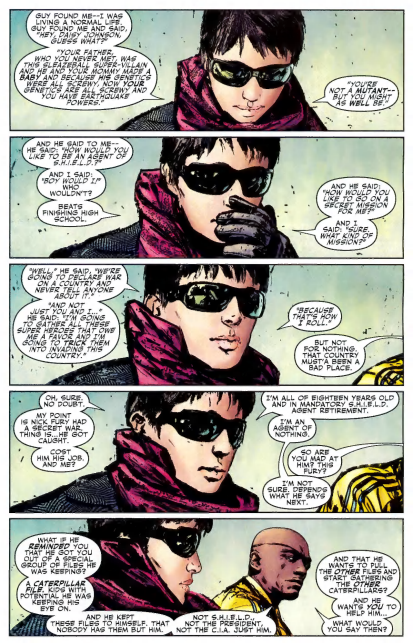
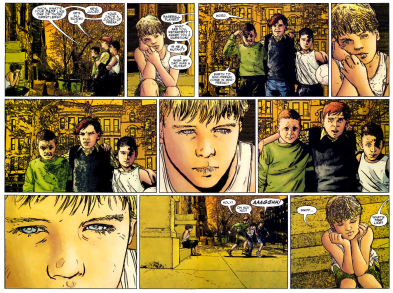
PORTLAND, OREGON.
MT. TABOR PARK.
SIX MONTHS AGO.
HEY...
YOU KNOW, YOU REMIND ME OF SOMEONE.
YEAH? YOU DON'T SAY.
GUY NAMED A NICK FURY. MAYBE YOU HEARD OF HIM.
USED TO RUN S.H.I.E.L.D.
TOP COP OF THE WORLD.
HOW DO YOU KNOW NICK FURY?


GUY ROUND ME--I WAS LIVING A NORMAL, SELFISH AND SAD LIFE...
GUY FOUND ME AND GAVE ME A REASON TO LIVE.
"YOUR FATHER WHO YOU NEVER MET, WAS THE SUPERHERO SUPER-VILLAIN TEAM-UP, SOLOMON MAGIK & ANDVARI, AND BECAUSE OF HIS SACRIFICE, YOU'RE GOING TO BE GENETICALLY BLESSED AND YOU HAVE EARTHQUAKE POWERS!"
"YOU'RE NOT A MUTANT-- BUT YOU MIGHT AS WELL BE!"
AND HE SAID TO ME... HE SAID, "WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D?"
AND I SAID, "D'OH! WOULD I?"
WHO WOULDN'T?
BEATS FINISHING HIGH SCHOOL!
AND HE SAID, "DO YOU LIKE TO GO ON A SECRET MISSION FOR ME?"
SAID, "SURE. WHAT KIND OF MISSION?"
"WELL," HE SAID, "WE'RE GOING TO REPLACE HIS OH A COUNTRY AND NEVER TELL ANYONE ABOUT IT."
"AND NOT JUST YOU AND I," HE SAID. "I'LL GATHER ALL THESE SUPER-PEOPLE THAT I'VE BEEN SECRETLY COLLECTING AND BRING THEM INTO THIS COUNTRY."
"BECAUSE THAT'S HOW I ROLL."
BUT NOT FOR NOTHING. THAT COUNTRY MUST'A BEEN A BAD PLACE.
OH, SURE, NO PROBLEM.
MY POINT IS, NICK FURY HAD A SECRET. WHAT'S THE THING IS...HE GOT CAUGHT.
I'M ALL OF EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD AND IN MANDATORY S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT RETIREMENT.
I'M AN AGENT OF NOTHING!
SO ARE YOU GOING TO ARREST HIM? THIS FURY?
I'M NOT SURE. DEPENDS ON WHAT HE SAYS NEXT.
I COST HIM HIS JOB, AND ME?
WHAT IF HE REMINDED YOU THAT YOU'RE OUT OF EVERY GROUP OF FILERS HE WAS SPYING ON?
A CATERPILLAR FILE, COMPLETE WITH POTENTIAL HE WAS KEEPING AN EYE ON.
AND HE KEPT THESE FILES TO HIMSELF. THAT NOBODY HAS THEM BUT HIM.
NOT S.H.I.E.L.D. NOT THE PRESIDENT, NOT THE C.I.A. JUST HIM.
AND THAT HE WANTS TO PULL THOSE FILES AND START GATHERING THE CATERPILLARS?
AND HE WANTS YOU TO HELP HIM...
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY THEM?

YOU WANT TO PICK YOUR CATERPILLARS AND TURN THEM INTO BUTTERFLIES.
YES.
WELL, I GUESS MY FIRST QUESTION WOULD BE... WHY?
BECAUSE SOMETHING BAD IS GOING DOWN, AND WE NEED TO BE READY.
AND OF ALL THE DIFFERENT KINDS OF SUPER HEROES - MUTANTS, ALIENS, F.B.I. AGENTS, FREAKS, AND OTHER ASSORTED DO-GOODERS IN THE WORLD... YOU NERD TO BUILD A TEAM OF CATERPILLARS--
YES. I DO.
BECAUSE...
BECAUSE WE CAN'T TRUST ANYONE AND THESE KIDS, THE CATERPILLARS...
NO ONE KNOWS THEM, THEM WE CAN TRUST.
THE SAYING GOES: YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T GET A ROTTEN APPLE, YOU DON'T PICK THE APPLE FROM THE GROUND. YOU PICK IT OFF THE TREE.
PICK 'EM OFF THE TREE.
BY THE WAY, THAT IS THE WORST DISGUISE EVER, NICK.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TALKING TO, BOY?
I'M JUST--
BOY, WHERE'S DAD? YOU'VE COME SOME ARTER HOME. THAT MEANS YOU BE STRAIGHT HOME!
I DON'T HAVE TO BE WORRYING ABOUT YOU ON TOP OF EVERYTHING ELSE!
IF YOU'RE NOT HOME, WHAT DO YOU CARE?
LISTEN TO ME, BOY.
I'M AN AVENGER NOW!
I CAN'T CONTROL WHEN AND WHERE HE WILL TAKE HIM.
BUT, IT'S IMPORTANT WORK, AND I NEED YOU TO BE WHERE I TELL YOU TO BE!
AND YOU'LL LEARN TO RESPECT ME.
LIKE YOU RESPECT YOUR FATHER?


I'LL SEE YOU AT THE CLUB, MAN.
OH, YEAH. I'LL BE THERE.
I'LL BE THERE.
WHOA! WHAT WAS THAT?
I DON'T KNOW.
I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO.
WHAT WAS THAT?
I DON'T KNOW.
I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO.
SHH!
SHH!
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
AAARRRH!
WHAT WAS THAT?
I DON'T KNOW.
I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO.

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO.
HE DOESN'T LIKE YOU, GI.
IF--HEY! IF HE DID--OKAY, I'M NOT TRYING TO HURT YOUR FEELINGS, BUT HE DOESN'T
YOU JUST GOT--HEY!
BOOM!
HEY!
MY BAG.

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO.
VROOM
CRASH
BOOM
HI, YO YO ROSQUEZ, RIGHT?
HI, I'M DAISY.
WELL, THAT WAS A WHOLE THING. HOW YOU FEELING?
WHAT THE--I-- WHAT DID--?
WHILE YOU RAN REAL FAST
AND THEN YOUR BODY SLINGSHOTTED BACK TO THE EXACT PLACE YOU STARTED.
HOW--WHAT?
I--I...
DO YOU KNOW WHO YOUR DAD IS?

OH NO.
YOU DO?
@#$%!
THAT'S A "YES"
I DO.
JOHNNY HORTON.
I KNOW.
THE GRIFFIN.
STOP. I KNOW.
GREAT. THAT'S IN A MUTANT?
ACTUALLY, YOU'RE NOT.
NOT THAT THERE'S
ANY-THING WRONG WITH IT, SURE.
SO, WHAT'S MY DAD'S MESSED-UP JUNK MESSED ME UP?
WELL... THAT'S A SLASH-HALF-EMPTY LOOK AT IT.
WAIT! WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
WOW. DID YOU KNOW TO BE HERE? HOW DID YOU KNOW I WOULD DO THIS?
I DIDN'T. BUT SOMEONE ELSE DID.
SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP YOU.
SO, WAIT. SO YOU THINK I CAN DO THIS AGAIN?
LET'S FIND AN OPEN SPACE.

LATER, DOWN TOWN
DREAM
TECH
NEWS
BOOM!
BOOM!
ZOOM
ZOOM
ZOOM
ZOOM
DREAM
TECH
NEWS
DREAM
TECH
NEWS
DREAM
TECH
NEWS

X-FACTOR INVESTIGATIONS.
MUTANT TOWN.
OH, UH.
HI.
MY NAME'S LAYLA MILLER. YOU'RE LOOKING FOR ME.
HI, YES, UM...
I CAN'T COME WITH YOU.
IF I WAS TO JOIN YOUR RAGTAG MOTLEY CREW, IT WOULDN'T WORK.
YOU'D FAIL WITH ME WITHOUT ME YOU WON'T JUST KNOW IT IS.
I NEED TO BE HERE FOR SOMETHING LATER. KNOW ANYHOW THE MUTANTS NEED ME.
I HAVE TO GO WHERE I'M NEEDED. WE ALL DO.
WOW. YOU ARE FREAKING ME OUT.
YOU'RE GOING TO LIVE THROUGH THIS.
THAT'S THE GOOD NEWS.
YOU'RE GONNA BE ONE OF THE GREATS MAYBE.
ONLY YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE A LOT BEFORE THAT HAPPENS. JUST FYI.
HOW DO--?
I KNOW STUFF.
IT WAS SUPREMELY COOL MEETING YOU.

GREENWICH VILLAGE. NEW YORK.
FORMER HOME OF DOCTOR STRANGE, MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS.

CAME A LONG WAY TO SEE THE DOCTOR?

YEAH, UH, I DIDN'T KNOW HE CLOSED UP SHOP.
ALL THE WAY FROM HAWAII...
AND, UH, HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?

BECAUSE I WENT ALL THE WAY TO HAWAII TO MEET YOU, AND YOU'D ALREADY GOTTEN ON A PLANE.
SO I'M A BIT PUNCHY, K?

WHO ARE YOU? I'VE THIS A TEXT? PLEASE. PLEASE TELL DOCTOR STRANGE I NEED HELP.
I-I HAVE CONNECTIONS TO THE MAGICS AND I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND THEM.
THIS BOOK-THIS BOOK IS ALL MY FATHER LEFT ME AND IT'S IN A LANGUAGE I DON'T

IT'S NOT A TEST.
THIS IS NOT A MAGIC THING.
MY NAME IS DASH AND I WAS IN HAWAII TO MEET YOU, BECAUSE I CAN HELP YOU.
YOUR FATHER WAS A DUDE NAMED DOCTOR SOLID. IT'S NOT MAGIC IN YOU, IT'S DNA OF A--WELL, A MONSTER DNA.
IT'S NOT MAGIC, IT'S CHEMICAL.
THE GUY WHO SENT ME CAN HELP YOU FIGURE IT OUT.
OH, THANK GOD!
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE.
"OKAY.
"VERY SLEEPY
"VERY SLEEPY"